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Re: Application of **Praveen SHARMA**,
and **Anders LÖNNEBORG** entitled
"METHOD OF PREPARING STANDARD
DIAGNOSTIC GENE TRANSCRIPT PATTERN"
Our Ref: Q-56359

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/429,003, filed on October 29, 1999, of **Praveen SHARMA** and **Anders LÖNNEBORG** entitled "METHOD OF PREPARING A STANDARD DIAGNOSTIC GENE TRANSCRIPT PATTERN"; which in turn is a Continuation of PCT/GB98/01261 filed April 30, 1998, which claims benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 365(c) and § 120.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1655.

Priority is claimed from April 30, 1998, based on PCT/GB98/01261, and April 30, 1997, based on Norwegian Application No. NO 972006. The priority document was filed in Parent Application No. 09/429,003 on February 1, 2000. The



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Examiner acknowledged receipt thereof in the Office Action dated May 24, 2000 (Paper No. 7).

Please enter the Amendment After Final filed August 13, 2001.

A Supplemental Amendment is being submitted herewith.

A Petition for One-month Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith in Parent Application Serial No. 09/429,003.

Applicants claim benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:


Total claims	<u>55</u> - 20 = <u>35</u> X	\$9.00 =	<u>\$315.00</u>
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claims	<u>2</u> - 3 = <u>0</u> X	\$42.00 =	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee			<u>\$370.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee			<u>\$140.00</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE			<u>\$825.00</u>

A check for the statutory fee of \$825.00 is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

The Assistant Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PRAVEEN SHARMA et al

CPA of
Appln. No.: 09/429,003



Group Art Unit: 1655

Filed: October 29, 1999

Examiner: Einsmann, J.

For: METHOD OF PREPARING A STANDARD DIAGNOSTIC
GENE TRANSCRIPT PATTERN

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the Advisory Action dated August 23, 2001, the Examiner refused to enter the Amendment After Final filed August 13, 2001, which was filed in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001.

A Petition for Three-month Extension of Time, along with a Notice of Appeal, was also submitted on August 13, 2001, making response after the filing of a Notice of Appeal due on or before October 13, 2001.

A Continued Prosecution Application, along with a Petition for One-month Extension of Time (for Parent Application Serial No. 09/429,003), is being filed simultaneously herewith so as to obtain entry and consideration of said Amendment After Final.

The present Supplemental Amendment further supplements the Amendment After Final.

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